closing shall have the same force and effect as a proclamation. In such instances where the chairman of the board or the president elects to effect an emergency closing he shall, as soon as possible, but in no event later than twenty-four (24) hours after closing, notify the Governor or his representative of the reasons for closing. In any case, the emergency closing shall have the force and effect of a proclamation only (a) until the first of the following events occurs: (1) the issuance of a proclamation by the Governor pertaining to the emergency closing, (2) notice to the institution that the Governor declines to issue a proclamation, or (3) reopening of the institution by the chairman of the board or the president; or (b) until five o'clock on the third day (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) following the day on which the chairman or the president closed the institution.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.

Approved April 30, 1974.

CHAPTER 441

(House Bill 330)

AN ACT concerning

Public Education - Hearing and Vision Screening

FOR the purpose of requiring hearing and vision screening tests to be administered to all students in [[the public]] certain schools of the State in accordance with standards, rules, and regulations promulgated by the State Departments of Education and Health and Mental Hygiene.

BY adding to

Article 77 - Public Education Section 85B Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 85B be and it is hereby added to Article 77 — Public Education, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1973 Supplement)